# LARGE PROPERTIES

Plans Considered Relative to the Foundry Church Site.

### PROPOSED CHANGES ON NINTH STREET

Extensive Apartment House Contemplated in Northwest Section.

BEVERAL DEALS CLOSED

Some consideration has been given to a proposition which involves the exchange of the property at the northeast corner of 14th and G streets owned and occupied by the congregation of the Foundry M. E. Church, for a large piece of unimproved land at the northeast corner of 16th and R streets, owned by Mr. T. E. Roessle. It It understood that the proposition is based on a valuation of the church property on a basis of \$25 per square foot and that the ties will be a cash payment to the church. It is estimated that the latter will be sufficient to meet the cost of the erection of a church edifice on the new site. The Foundry property, including the pastor's residence, has a frontage of some 118 feet on G street and 113 feet on 14th street, and aggregates about 10,280 square feet.

### Big Apartment House.

Plans are being considered which, if carried out, will result in the erection on Connecticut avenue of an apartment house to proposed to organize a company that will acquire the large realty holdings of Mr. John Hay, the Secretary of State, at the Scutheast corner of Connecticut avenue and L street. The site of the proposed building will comprise the entire frontage on the west side of Connecticut avenue from L street south to the residence at the corner of K street, now the home of Mr. Draper, lately ambassador to Italy, and formerly the home of the late Mrs. Washington Mc-Lean. The entire frontage on L street from Connecticut avenue east nearly to the corner of 17th street is also comprised with-in the proposed site.

### Apartment House Sold.

Several transactions involving the transfer of large pieces of property have just been closed by Ben. B. Bradford, real estate broker. He has sold for Messrs. Barr & Sanner the Mt. Vernon Apartment House, at the southwest corner of 9th street and New York avenue, for \$135,000. The purchaser is a company that is to be organized for the management of the property. To the same interests Mr. Bradford has also sold for W. J. Kehoe the fourstory apartment building occupying the sixty-six feet front adjoining the above property on 9th street, the consideration being \$55,000. It is the purpose of the new owners to remedel the latter building so as to make it a part of the Mt. Vernon apartments, the entrance for the entire structure to be on New York avenue. Mr. Bradford has also sold to Messrs.

Barr & Sanner the partially improved ground on the east side of 9th street between K and L streets, having a frontage of 105 feet and an average depth of 107 feet. The consideration named is \$50,000.

### FALL OF "THE BEAUTIFUL."

### Washington Treated to Genuine Win-

Washington was treated to the second fall of the "beautiful" today and the "really" winter is on view. The previous cold snap had prepared many people for the downfall, but as usual the very poor will have additional sufferings to face. The first flakes began fluttering through the air at 8 o'clock this morning, and for a couple of hours there was almost a continuous performance. There was a light snow in the air nearly

Street car travel was not embarrassed In any way, but the horses had their troubles, and many a fall with broken limbs will doubtless be recorded tonight in the establishments that make hauling a busness. The steep hills, paved with Belgian locks, are easy propositions to the poor brutes, but the slight ascents, with sm asphalt surfaces, are what bother them the most and cause numerous mishaps, the result of which is generally broken shafts

cuit. but as a big majority were on the streets in search of Christmas gifts, such a little thing as a tumble was not allowed to ruffle their feelings. The city's "white wings" were driven off the streets early, as sweeping could not be done with satis factory results, and on several of the buildings under course of construction work was suspended. These were about the only classes of workmen upon whom a loss was entailed through Washington's December

At the weather bureau good reports were given, the gentleman in charge of snow storms saying that today's exhibition is only local and will possibly pass away before night. Its area is along the Atlantic coast states, and as the wind was from the north and northeast during the day, it is believed that clear and colder weather will be forthcoming on the morrow. Out at the Zoo everything is in ship-

shape for just the sort of weather on tap today. The superintendent has all the buildings provided with double doors, and as the windows and walls are amply protected the animals which have been brought from tropical climes are in no way discom-During the morning several of the lions and tigers were let out in the falling snow that came through the bars of the big iron cages, and they seemed to enjoy the cold, crisp air. Tigers and lions cannot show a facial range of astonishment, and so it could not be learned whether they had been taken by surprise or not over the appearance of the fluttering snowflakes.

#### Mr. Robinson's Funeral Tomorrow. The funeral of the late Bushrod Robinson, who died yesterday after a lingering illness, will take place tomorrow, Friday

afternoon at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, 1809 19th street northwest. Rev. Dr. Hamlin of the Church of the Convent, of which church the deceased was a member, will conduct the funeral a member, will conduct the inneral services. The following named gentlemen will officiate as pallbearers: Sumner I. Kimball. Colonel Robert Rutherford, Loring Saunders, Mason Richardson, Henry Stew-

# art and James Green. The interment will

Hotel Clerk Held for Grand Jury. John C. Johnson was given a preliminary hearing in the Police Court today on a charge of embezzling \$10 from Orren G. Staples, proprietor of the Riggs House, the 2d instant. Judge Scott held the defendant to await action by the grand jury, under

Mr. Johnson was formerly a clerk at the Riggs House, and Mr. Staples claims that when he severed his connection with the hotel he falled to turn into the office \$10 that was in his keeping.

### No Verdiet in Will Contest.

In the contested will case involving the estate of Weston B. Turner, who several years ago, while residing at Falls Church. Va., killed his wife and then committed suicide, the jury had not agreed on a verdict up to a late hour this afternoon. The fury retired to consider a verdict yester-day afternoon. The twelve men have since en been locked in a room at the city hall

#### Building Permits Issued. Building permits have been issued as fol-

Emma J. and Joseph Chew, to mak general repairs to 800 and 811 Delaware Evenue southwest; cost, \$1,000.

John I. Riordon, repairs to 1528 7th stree porthwest; cost, \$100. The Corcoran estate, repairs to rear of acil H street northwest; cost, \$120.

National Safe Deposit Co., to make repairs to 2120 14th street northwest; cost, \$25.

If you want work read the want columns

### Tonightl

Dolls' China Dishes, complete Tea and Dinner Sets. Regular

Tonight Regular 69c. Dolls' Furniture, nicely finished - all sorts of pleces. Tonight, from price, 25c. 15c. 6 to 9 35c.

Tonightl Oakley's Perfumes, in fancy boxes and baskets-pretty gifts. Tonight, from 5c.

Open Late Every Evening Until Christmas.

7th and K Streets. Streets. 7th and K Streets.

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Tonight! With all Boys' 25c.

Tonight! Men's regular 50c. Gloves, Astruchan backs and suede palms-in tan and brown. Tonight only, from 6 to 9, 30c.

# Tomorrow's Matchless and Eclipsing Friday Offerings.

The last Friday before Christmas! It is to be a day of memorable selling—with prices quoted on gift goods that will pack and jam the store, such as occurs on Fridays in the height of the season. But a jostling, good-natured crowd—imbued with the glad holiday spirit—all bent upon taking advantage of the unequaled values presented. No Friday in our history ever assumed such importance.

### Men Will Appreciate These.

Men's Fancy All-silk Suspenders, in blue, pink, white and many other colors, with kid ends and sterling silver buckles.

wear-shirts and drawers to match; shirts taped neck and pearl buttons; drawers, large reinforced crotch and suspender tapes; all 39c. sizes. Special.....

# \$5 Trimmed Hats, \$1.98.

It is the usual way to wait until January before reducing the Trimmed Hats, but we reduce them now—for Christmas. Choice of half a hundred choice styles—Ladles' Trimmed Hats of Silk Velvet, Felt and other desirable materials, all of them trimmed in the newest and smartest feather. and smartest fashion, with velvets, ornaments and feathers.

No two alike—and each one possesses smart exclusiveness and splendid stylishness.

None sold for a penny less than \$5.00—and many are worth more. Choose from among them—at \$1.98 tomorrow!

# Gift Suggestions From the 3d Floor. Mantel Lambrequins of French sateen, finshed with heavy fringe, in new and pretty 45c. | 30x60 Genuine Smyrna Rugs, product of the Jno. Bromley Co.; the very best grade, newest and richest colorings and patterns:

Double or Single Head Rests, made of silk Silk Sofa Cushions, finished with 4-inch ruffle, and in handsome effects. Special to-69c.

designs and colorings; worth \$3.50. \$1.98 Special for. 11-quarter Fine All-wool Blankets, made of finest selected California wool; extra heavy weight; a royal Christmas gift. \$5.00

### Linens for Christmas Gifts.

All Pure Linen Damask Table Cloths (2x2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> yards); pure white bleach, fine, heavy cloth, fringed all around—instead of \$2.00 \$1.75 Small lot of Pure Linen Luncheon Sets of fine stiver damask. The cloth is 2 yards size, with damask pattern border all around, and ½ doz.

Size Napkins. Worth \$2.25. \$1.80

Pure Linen Damask Napkins (½ size); full bleached, fast selvage, both sides. 98C.

Worth \$1.25 doz. Special for a day..

Lot of All Pure Linen Towels, some of the large size, hemstitched tuck with blue borders, some of the fancy bordered damask with heavy tied fringe. Worth 25c. each. Special.

# Gift Slippers and Footwear.

Ladles', Misses' and Children's Best Quality 

Women's, Men's, Boys' and Youths' Slippers; fancy embroidered and alligator leather slippers, in black and tan; also Ladies' Beaver Slippers, with plush trimming, with hand-turn soles; all sizes. Special... 48c.

Ladies' Satin-quilted Juliet Slippers, in red. blue, black and gold colors, with hand-turned soles, neatly trimmed; worth \$1.50. Ladies' Beaver Foxed Lace Shoes, fleece lined,

Ladies' Kid Shoes, in button and lace styles. with or without extension soles. \$1.19

# Ladies' Holiday Neckwear.

A great lot of 1,000 dozen Ladies' Point Venice Turn-over Embroidered Collars— the latest fad. Regular 15c. value. Special tomorrow at...... 5c.

Usual 75c. Ladles' Holiday Neckwear, in the new labot effects; also Ragian Ties, all new colorings— 49c.

Ruffs of Liberty Silk, with accordion-pleated ends—Ja-bots, Long Silk Ties with point Venice ends; also the new Mascot Ties— 98C.

# Gift Umbrellas in Great Array.

Ladies' and Men's 26 and 28-inch Union Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, with best close-rolling steel rod and paragon frame; handles of pearl, ivory, long silver trimmed, natural wood, &c.; in princess and crook styles; case and \$1.48

Ladies' and Men's 26 and 28-inch Serge, Silk and Taffeta Umbrellas, with handles of firwood, boxwood, silver trimmed, pearl, old English silver, gun metal, oxidized silver, gold, &c. — case and tassel; worth \$5.00 \$2.98

88c. for Wrappers Worth up to \$2.

Of fine heavy fleece back flannelette; thoroughly made and handsomely finished; trimmed in various styles—some with woven embroidery and others with wide Persian band trimmings and others with fancy folds and bands. Choicest and most desirable patterns. Each Wrapper is best dressmaker made, with wide flounce skirts, and separately fitted waist lining. Worth up to \$2. SPECIAL at 88c.

Boys' regular 50c. Alf-wool Navy Blue Cheviot Caps, with inside turn-under ear 21c. Boys' regular \$5.00 Sailor Blouse Suits of All-wool Navy Blue Cheviots and Wide-wale Serges. Some trimmed with soutache braid; sizes 3 to 10 years. Special \$3.69

Xmas Gifts for Boys.

weaters, sizes 26, 28 and 30; to 12 years. Red, horizontal stripes. 69c.

Boys' Short Reefers, sizes 4 to 8 years, in blue and brown meltons and tan, gray and red friezes. Values worth up to \$1.88 Boys' sgular 75-cent All-wool Knee Pants, in neat patterned cheviots and cassimeres, and all sizes from 3 to 16 years. Offered 48C. A tableful of Boys' Double-breasted Cheviot and Cassimere Sults, also in a variety of fancy mixtures and tweeds; sizes 8 to 16 \$1.98 years. Worth \$3.00. Special for....

# Great Values in Gloves.

The best of its kind is our celebrated Perdonnet—our own importation from Grenoble, France—where the best kid gloves come from In black and all shades. Every pair \$1 guaranteed. Per pair..... The genuine Adler's Mocha Gloves for women, in gray and tan. Every pair fitted to the hand. Regular price is \$1.50. Special \$1 Boys' and Children's Dogskin Gloves and Mitts, with warm fur tops. Regular ADC. Regular 25c. quality of Ladies' 3-button Fleece-lined Gloves—special for

Kayser's Golf Gloves, in black, white, red and gray—guaranteed perfect fitting. Same sort that sells everywhere else at 49c. Infants' Mitts, in red, white and pink—which are regular 23c. values—offered 14c.

Choice of regular 39c. Gloves of all kinds, including Ladles' Kayser's 2-clasp Electra Fleece-lined Gloves; also the popular Golf Gloves, in white and all colors, and Boys' Astrachan and Scotch Wool Gloves, from smallest to 25c.

# 10.000 Dozen Handkerchiefs.

No matter how great the crush around the Handkerchief Counters and Tables, we are rendering the best possible service. Such values as these are indeed unprecedented: Ladies' Fine Quality Handkerchiefs, worth 12%c. each, with hand, embroidered 59c. Men's Finest Quality All Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, in all letters; regular three for a dollar kind. Half a dozen in \$1.50

Men's Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, all letters; if they were latindered the 121/2C. Ladies' Fine Sheer Swiss Embroidered Hand-kerchiefs, the daintiest styles imaginable and in countless hundreds; regular 19c. and 25c. qualities — newest effects— 12½c. Ladles' Very Fine Quality Linen Embroidered Hundkerchlews, every thread is purest and finest spun flax; regular 30c. quality. Half a dozen in a fancy box...\$1.50

Children's Initial Handkerchiefs, in all letters; three of them put up in a cute 25c. Ladies' Fine Swiss and Japanese Silk Hand-kerchiefs, in almost a hundred differ-ent styles. Regular 39c. quality for... 25c. 

# Toys Are Going Fast!

-and these special prices we quote for tomorrow will cause a great rush of buyers. The best toy values are here.

Girls' \$1.25 Sleighs for...... 98C. Good size Wicker Chairs, very strong and durable. Regular \$1.50 value, 98C.

Regular \$1.00 Twentieth Century 69C. Battle Ship, lows and Gunboat The Terror in full fighting trim 49c. and 25c. Choice of regular 10c. and 15c. Juvenile Books of Paper and Linen—with colored 5c.

Regular 25c. Games and Blocks 121/2C. Genuine Handwerke Dolls, 18 inches high—with movable eyes—also Kid-body ODC.

Dolls. Regular price, \$1.00—for..... Our famous Marguerite Dolls have caught the town by storm. Kid body, 20 inches high; eyes open and shut—shoes and stockings. \$1.19

# A Great Friday List of Furs, Wraps and Silk Waists.

50 Brown Sable Opossum Fur Neck Scarfs, with clusters of tails. Worth \$2.08 genuine Eastern Mink Fur Neck Scarfs, with heavy animal tails. Offered tomor- \$6.98 row as a special value at...... German and American Isabella and Sable Foxes, with large animal tails. \$10.98 Ladies' stylish Mountenac and Kersey Jackets, 24 and 27 inches long—lined with best quality satin. Worth \$10.98, \$7.98

One hundred Sample Silk Walsts, handsomely made and fluished, elaborately trimmed in beautiful styles; best quality of Givernaud's silk; all colors; each waist separately boxed for presentation; worth \$8.00 and \$10.00 for \$4.85 Electric Seal Jackets, lined with rich and heavy satin, correctly cut and \$25.00 perfect fitting; worth \$40.00, for \$25.00

# Hints From This Art Section.

Six-piece Toilet Sets of Opal Ware, consisting of a pair of toilet bottles, comb and brush tray, hair receiver, pin tray, and powder and puff box, Entirely new colorings and styles—in pink, blue and green, with gold mounting and hand-painted violets, wild roses, forget-me-nots, daistes, &c. Regular \$1.50 value. Satin Pin Cushlons, hand-painted and trimmed

with oriental and applique lace—all colors. Size 4x12 and 9x9 inches. Worth \$1.50 98c.

Regular 21c. Turkish and Oriental Pillow Tops, newest designs, for. .... 11c. Regular 39c. Spachtel Bureau Scarfs, 54 inches long, and Pillow Shams to 25c. Regular 98c. Bureau Scarfs, in Irish point effects—fine quality—new designs. Also Pillow Shams to match. Special, each, 48c.

## Gift Hints From the Basement.

Umbrella Jars, in assorted colors \$1.19 Carlsbad China Cuspidors, full gold trimmed, assortment of decorations.. 39c. China Cracker Jars, in blue and pink 49c. One-quart Water Pitchers, in Delft decorations, new shape............... 25c. Water Sets, Austrian glass, assorted colors, in large variety of decorations. 98c. The Ruby Parlor Lamp, with 10-inch globe, center-draft burner, highly brass fluished, gold lacquered, with removable oil \$3.98

Children's Silver-plated Mugs, offered as a special value for........... 19c. Austrian China Dinner Set, consisting of 102 pieces, with soup tureen, full gold-trimmed, pink and blue \$17.98 Warwick China Tollet Sets, with full-size jar, full gold trimmed, in pink, blue and \$6.98 green flower decorations......

### HOMES OF PIONEERS.

How Early Settlers in the Northwest Built Log Houses.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

When the pioneers came to Wisconsin they brought with them the habits of industry that were much needed in a section so remote from the cities and factories of the east. One of the things they first learned was to raise everything they needed as far as possible, then to revise their supposed needs, and go without the rest. at least until such time as they could better afford to buy. Economy was necessarily the watchword with them, for they had generally expended most of their means in getting to the new country and in buying land which was to furnish them with their living. Their first homes were marvels of cheapness, and still they were considered good enough for many years. But chear as they were, they cost much in labor and But cheap brain work, two things for which the pioraised in an age when everything is cheap story of how some of these pioneer homes built. The son of one of the told me the following story regarding the manner in which his father built his firs

Wisconsin home almost without money: "My father had barely enough money to pay for his land after he came to Wisconsin with his family. I was about six years old at the time and remember well many of the things that he did to get along without buying material for house construction. In the first place, there was hardly a nail or screw used in the building. There were no hinges to the doors except those father was able to make almost anything that of timber, and thus it was easy to construct the body of a log house, but when it came to finishing it off it was another story. sides being hewed to a line and the ends and lie close together. Some log houses tween the logs were chinked with small

tar, but father wanted something better "It was no easy task for one man to do the most of such work, but father was ac-customed to the use of the broad-ax and the adze, implements which have almost gone out of use now that sawed timber can be had for every possible building purpose. It was something even in those days to be a good 'scorer,' as the man was called who laid out a log and reduced it to a stick of square timber. The use of the broad-ax was also difficult, and not easily learned, but the people in those days had to learn almost everything. Few car-penters at the present day could square a og and fit it for a building, as the people of those days had to do, for the reason that such work is not needed at the present time. It is a long time since I have seen a broad-ax, or an adze, but in my youth I became quite expert in the use of both of

pieces of timber set in mud for lack of mor-

"The roofs of most of the early buildings were made without either boards or shingles. Tamarack poles were generally used for rafters, and upon them were placed ribs of hardwood, generally oak, on which to lay the 'shakes,' which served the purpose of shingles. These 'shakes' were made of straight-grained timber, so that they could be of the same width and thickness, and they were laid in courses up and down, instead of horizontally, as is the case with shingles." is the case with shingles?

#### A Siberian Military Station. Correspondence of the London Daily News.

On the Sunday morning when all the church bells were clanging and good Blagovestchensk folks were hastening, armed with prayer books, to worship, I took a solitary walk along the Amoor side. On the way I passed through the camp where are stationed some three thousand soldiers. It was well situated near a wood. The officers' quarters were of timber, painted

throw the rain beyond the bank. In each were six beds, and there was plenty of room to stand up. At every point was a on guard, bugles were continuously sounding, officers and their orderlies wer galloping about. "Foreigner" was, of course, stamped all over me, and, although I received many curious glances, I strolled where I pleased, with never a word of

These Russian white bloused Tommles were just as "larky" as their red jacketed friends at Aldershot. In one or two places men were put out on parade, but most of them were spending their Sunday as they pleased. From some of the tents came the bleat of accordions, and young fellows were laughing and singing. Then I came across a group having wrestling matches: next some young fellows were testing their jumping powers; then groups squatted in the shade of the trees smoking and gos-siping. I must say that they were all sturdy, well set and healthy men, clean and neat, and quite happy.

## BARMAIDS OF CALCETTA.

No Women to Be Employed in Saloon After April 1, 1902. From the London News.

Calcutta is threatened with the loss of its parmaids, and a no small portion of the community violently resents it. An order has recently been issued by the government of Bengal that a clause is to be inserted in the licenses of all hotel proprietors absolutely prohibiting the employment of women in any capacity in or about the bar. This prohibition is to take effect from the 1st of April, 1902, on which date a number of women will be thrown out of employment. The result is a widespread agitation.

The number of barmaids in Calcutta has considerably increased in recent years. In the majority of cases they are brought out from England by the hotel and bar proprietors under contract for a term of years, generally three. The loss to them of a means of livelihood is to be deplored, but as they are entitled to a passage back to Eng-land, it does not entail the facilis descensus Averni that the more violent among the agitators predict. The correspondence col-umns of the Calcutta Press show that their sympathizers are numerous, but they fur-ther show that the sympathy, though ther show that the sympathy, though doubtless merited, is the outcome of a very erroneous impression regarding the reason upon which the prohibition is founded. The measure is one, in fact, of considers but none the less true, that the veneratio with which the white man used to be re garded by the native is rapidly declining especially in large towns like Calcutta, where the European population is composed of almost every stratum of society. Moreover, the freedom which western nations allow to their womankind is wholly repugnant to the oriental idea, and the spe of an English girl selling spirituous liquors, a trade which among the natives of India is relegated to the very lowest castes, is one which tends still further to lower the "iz-zat," the reputation of the dominant race. The oriental is slow to move; the inborn prejudices of a thousand generations can-not be uprooted in a day. Where the west jostles the east, where the most advanced of modern ideas come into contact with a conservatism such as is undreamt of out of Asia, friction is bound to ensue. By wise concessions to prejudice that friction may be reduced, and the skillful driver of the engine of state is he who knows where and what to concede. Let the barmaids and their sympathizers take comfort. If they are sacrificed, they are sacrificed for the sake of the stability of the British empire

Phylloxera in France. From the Paris Messenger. The bitter cry of the folk in the French vineyards goes up with greater and greater intensity. And, in fact, the matter is more serious than is generally imagined. M. Esclary, president of the Ligue Vinicole de France, in a letter to the press, tells a woeful tale of the phylloxera, in which he says that the department of Herault, for instance, is passing through a terrible crisis. In recent years the value of its vineyards has decreased by no less than a milliard of francs. A sacrifice of five hundred million white, and there were scraggy gardens in front. There were great long sheds for the troops, but most of the men were under canvay. Their tents were pitched on quite a different plan to that adopted by British troops. There was first bullt up a square of sods, not unlike a sportsman's shelter you see on the moors at home, with an entrance on one side. On the top of this was fixed the tent, which was really a sort of square canvas in which would

## OLD FORT MARCY.

Efforts to Have Garrison Stationed at the Historic Post. From the Denver News.

The people of Santa Fe are making another effort to have Fort Marcy regarrisoned. From a military standpoint there is no necessity for troops at that post, but there are good historic reasons for retaining it as a military station. Fort Marcy is the oldest of the posts of the far southwestern frontier. The original buildings, long since gone to decay, were on a bluff overlooking New Mexico's ancient capital. They were laid out by Brigadier General Kearney in 1846, shortly after his occupation of the city, and their construction was begun by Colonel Doniphan's 1st Missouri Volunteers and continued by Colonel Price's 2d Missouri Regiment, when Doniphan's

The post for nearly half a century was the headquarters of the department of New Mexico. At it have been stationed many of the most distinguished men in the military annals of the nation. With the decay of the old adobe buildings, from whose sides cannon frowned down on Santa Fe, new buildings were constructed at the bas William L. Marcy, who was War Secretary during Polk's administration. With the new policy of concentrating troops in larger bodies near some great city, Fort Marcy was abandoned, as were a dozen other posts in New Mexico, the allegiance of the Mexican population being assured and the In-dian problem having been practically solved. But with the departure of the troops Santa Fe felt that her historic prestige was degarrison-Spanish, Mexican or American for 300 years. Frequent petitions have been ade for the restoration of the post. There is not now, we believe, a single garrison post in New Mexico, and there were formerly nearly a dozen. In the redistribution of troops among the various army posts there is no good reason why the ardent wish of Santa Fe should not be granted and at least a squadron of cavalry sent to

#### Fort Marcy. THE PRICE OF PEARLS.

Demands of Fashion Cause the Prediction of a Famine. from the London Telegraph.

If the seas gave up their pearls tomorrow there would not be sufficient to satisfy the craze for them. Never in the history of personal fashion have these daintiest of jewels been so favored or so much sought after. Above diamonds and rubles they are, for the time being, valued, for in their perfect form, reflecting every light of heaven, they are the most costly jewels that women wear. There are predictions of a pearl famine, and a consequent unrest among pearl seekers. Whether the present scarcity will amount to a famine in the near future or no, it is very evident that advanced prices cannot check the demand. Good pearls never so readily found purchasers, and there is possibly no spec-ulation so sure. Within the past ten years they have doubled their walue; within the past year they have advanced 83 per cent.
Owners of pearls, helidoms, may indeed
count themselves lucky, and gather gratification in the fact that each passing year out adds to the value of their posse but adds to the value of their possession. It is, however, only for the finest pearls that demands are made. The cheap imitation has fallen upon level days, and must be exceptionally good to attract. Londoners are well acquainted with many and varied imitations, mostly manufactured in the gay French capital, and although they have a strange beauty and "deceitful the gay French capital, and although they have a strange beauty and "deceitful shine" of their own, they lack that life and color upon which the real article depends for value. An ordinary person may be deceived by good imitations, but it does not require the connoisseur to detect the real from the manufactured when seen side by side. Every one knows that the perfect pearl is exactly round, without a flaw, of rich iridescence, and that the perfect string of pearls must be of graduated size and consistent color.

of pearls, and it is to those engaged in this interesting and expensive search that the difference in price has been most apparent. Thirty pounds is demanded today years ago for £15. Pearl chains, long and the last two or three seasons, but unfortunately the increased demand does not explain the scarcity. It is that fewer pearls are being secured, and that there are fewer pearls to secure, although the fisheries are as active as of old. Thirtysix thousand oysters that may or may not contain these treasures of the leep are daily brought to the surface, but this yield

is not anything like sufficient to meet the demands of the traders who for the past few years have been endeavoring to supply o foresee the scarcity that would inevitaoly follow fashionable approval. Pearls have, however, never required the impetus of fashion to recommend them, and women have realized that by acquiring the delicate they invest their money in a safe and yearly increasing security. Money spent on pearls is never lost. A city firm of jewelers have for disposal just now a pearl necklace of peculiar beauty, for which they anticipate to realize the sum of £25,-000. Each stone is, naturally, superb, and beautifully matched, but the price would Three thousand pounds will purchase another necklace, in the possess same firm, of very modest appearance, but unmistakable value and inimitable luster. It consists of two rows of over 130 pearls, and in common with most pearl necklaces has a diamond clasp. One of the features of the present Glasgow exhibition recious pearl necklace, valued at £25,000. It is shown in company with many other beautiful gems and jewelry of wondrous workmanship by the Goldsmiths and Silvermored that Paris would fain secure it in

# diamond bar clasp that connects the five rows, each perfectly graduated in size and color, by means of trefoil diamond tags. Future Sources of Coffee.

From Fram's Magazine.

order to stay a Parisian pearl famine

The magnificent pearls are relieved by a

According to the treasury bureau of statistics, "the people of the United States are sending out of the country more than \$1,-000,000 a week in payment for coffee consumed in this country, all of which could be readily produced in Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands, which have already shown their ability to produce coffee of a high grade, commanding good prices in the markets of the world. Porto Rican coffee has long been looked upon as of high grade, and for many years has commanded high prices in the markets of Europe; and the developments of coffee cul-ture in Hawaii during the past few years have also been very satisfactory in the quality of coffee produced and the prices realized. In the Philippines the product is of high grade, and the fact that in physical conditions and climate the islands are very similar to Java, the greatest coffee-producing region of the world, suggests great possibilities to those who desire to see American money expended under the American flag. The fact that the United States is by far the greatest coffee-consuming country of the world, and is steadily increasing her consumption, further suggests that American capital and energy may turn their attention to this promising field now opened in the islands where American

# From the Enhimeria

enterprise can safely invest in busines

One day in the year Constantinople is free

from the beggar nuisance—on November Almsgiver, the patron saint of the mendicant profession. No beggar of the Greek cant profession. No beggar of the Greek faith is on his or her beat that day. In the forenoon all, or nearly all, orthodox mendicants attended a special service in the Church of St. Constantine, at which an archbishop officiated. It was arranged by their corporation, for they are organized into a guild like any other trade. The church, spacious as it is, was none too large for the numerous congregation of consistent color.

The stipulation for necklaces to be strong in graduated sizes is of recent origin, and naturally adds to the difficulty of securing a matchless row, for not only must the color, depth and sheen of the stone be consistent, but pearls that will evenly denote the gradual diminution have to be very carefully selected. It takes years and years to collect a perfect chain

# COLORING ORANGES.

How It is Done in Chicago With Heat and Imitation Frost. From the Chicago Tribu

It may seem paradoxical on first hearing that Chicago offers a better imitation of the Florida night air than the peninsula state can itself provide, but that is the deduction that orange dealers of this city have come to. Florida oranges that have hung for months on trees in their native state waiting for some cool evening breeze to turn them yellow are brought here, and in a few nights acquire a color that surpasses fondest expectations. South Water street, the ripening place of Michigan peaches, Wisconsin eggs and Central American bananas, furnishes the delicately shaded atmosphere that accomplishes this result. Practically all the Florida oranges that are sold in this market from the are ripened in basements of commission houses along the street, and are there given the color that enables them to com-

mand high prices. "The public demands Florida oranges long before the groves are ready to furnish them," said an "orange man" for a com-mission house. "Those oranges grow big there if you give them time, but they do not attain their best color until the nights are cool. So they are picked green and shipped up here in carload lots. Here they are taken from the cars and put in the ripening rooms, where they are subjected to a temperature of from 95 to 100 degrees. They are stacked, with air space between the boxes, and the heat gets all through the boxes, and the heat gets all through them and quickly forces them to ripeness. When they have attained the proper stage the heat is shut off and then a big electric fan is brought into play. The doors are opened, and through the spaces where the hot air went before the frosty ozone of Chicago is pumped. This turns the oranges wellow guidely just as the later pichts. yellow quickly, just as the later nights would have done in Florida."

Admiral Sampson's Condition. At Admiral Sampson's residence today the statement was made that the admiral's condition remains unchanged. It was emphatically denied that his illness is such as to give rise to any feeling of immediate alarm. He is not confined to his bed, but moves around the house at will. Last evening he occupied his accustomed place

## Annual Visitation.

The annual visit of the department commander, G. A. R., and his staff was paid last night to Lafayette Post, No. 20. '1 e attendance, it is said, eclipsed that of all other meetings since the last annual visit. The interest in the occasion was augmented by a banquet tended the post by Commander-elect Lewis Mundheim. those who addressed the assemblage were Department Commander Stone of the G. A. R., Department Commander Kimball of the Junior Veterans, Department Commander Bingham of the Sons of Veterans, National Commander Campbell of the Sons of Veterans, Mr. A. A. G. Enritken and Messrs. Bresnahan, Grant, Martin, Brad-ford, Raube, Cutts and others. At this meeting steps were taken looking to the meeting of the national encampm t in this city in September.

Anacostia and Vicinity. The funeral of George Smallwood, a co ored citizen, whose death took place Tuesday, was held this morning at 9 o'clock

from St. Teresa's Church. Rev. Fathe Schwallenburg, the assistant pastor, off ciated at requiem mass. The deceased was a member of the colored society of the church. His remains were interred in a cerretery in Hillsdale.

While William Norton, a resident of Suitland, Md., was in a store on Harrison street, Anacostia, yesterday a thief went to his buggy outside and stole a quantity of sugar, tea and coffee.

It has been decided, it is stated, to remove fire alarm box No. 93 from the corner of Washington and Adams streets to 17th and Harrison streets.

Mr. David Campbelt is seriously ill at his home, corner of Monroe and Jackson streets. member of the colored society of the

Sword for Admiral Wildes. Rear Admiral Frank Wildes, who commanded the cruiser Boston at the battle of Manila bay has been given a handsome

#### To Join His Company. Second Lieut. John McBride, jr., Artillery Corps, has been relieved from tem-

sword by his many friends in Boston

porary duty at Fort Wayne, Mich., and has been ordered to join his company at Fort Protection for Silver Mining. Among the bills introduced yesterday was one by Senator Penrose levying a duty

#### tions of unmanufactured silver. A preamble to the bill declares it to be the purpose of the measure to protect the silver mining industry of the United States.

of 25 per cent ad valorem on all importa-

From the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. About thirty wholesale confectioners of Ohio, members of the Buckeye Club, with several representatives of firms of adjoining states, lately met in convention in this city. The session was devoted to discussions as to the conditions of the trade and of proposed ways of bettering them. The pure food laws, as they applied to the con-fectionery business, were declared to be admirable in their results and worthy of the earnest support of every member of the trade. It was argued that anything that tended to the creating of a demand for high-grade, strictly high standard purity goods could not but be to the advantage of the business in all its ramifications, and

Dr. Sven Anders Hedin, the Swedish has been exploring the Gobl Desert and Thibet, has reached Ladakh, Cashmere, on

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Miss Jennie Bartley entertained the mem-bers of the Anacostia Euchre Club last evening at her home on Spring street. Re-freshments were served. For sale by all Druggiets.—Price, 80c, per bottle